

**WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING**  
**WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA**

**TIME:** 5:00 pm, Tuesday, July 19, 2011

**PLACE:** Lower Level Conference Room

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Dave Buck	Vicki Burch	Eric Chin
	David Christian	Karen O'Farrell	Kumares Sinha
	Boudewijn van Gelder		Larry Wood

<b>VISITORS:</b>	Ben Anderson	Michelle Debord	Jan Myers
	Michael Susong		

Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Ms. Burch made a motion to approve the March minutes and Capt. Chin seconded. The March minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Buck began the meeting by introducing the two newest employees in the Engineering Department. Mr. Michael Susong is the Assistant City Engineer and Mr. Ben Anderson is the Engineering Assistant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Buck stated that Ann Hunt could not be at the meeting but had a concern she asked him to mention to the Commission. In the area of Northwestern and Hillcrest, he will need to get the exact location from Ms. Hunt, there is a sight distance concern. He believes it is caused by a car that often parks too close to the corner. It may be as simple as adding more yellow paint to that particular curb.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lindberg Bridge Update:**

Mr. Buck stated that there is a lot of interest on the completion of this project. At this time, the contractor is about 2 weeks behind schedule. The rain earlier in the summer caused some work to be delayed, and the extreme heat lately has caused workers to shorten their work day. The contractor has added additional manpower and also working Saturdays. The original completion date was approximately August 22<sup>nd</sup>, but Mr. Buck knows that may be pushed back and is now planning on it being open early to mid-September.

## **Wabash Commons Update:**

Mr. Buck updated the committee on the Wabash Commons project. He stated that some of the roads are built. Mike's Express Carwash is making significant progress and all of the other lots are created.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Chauncey Square PD**

Mr. Buck stated that several years ago a project was started for Chauncey Square PD. The project was half completed. There is half of the building and half of the parking garage. A new owner is moving forward with plans and hopes to get a building permit soon. There will be no new drives or access roads. Mr. Buck estimates construction taking about a year. The building will be a six story apartment building consisting of 2, 3, & 4 bedroom units. All cars and tenants will be able to park in the existing garage. Mr. Buck presented the submitted Maintenance of Traffic Plan and explained how it was proposed to work. Mr. Christian asked what businesses would be affected? Mr. Buck answered that Town Center could possibly be affected, but there is mostly foot traffic for businesses in that area. Chairman Sinha asked if there are many non-rental residents in the area and Mr. Buck responded that there are not. Ms. Burch motioned to tentatively approve the traffic maintenance plan subject to input from local businesses, concerned citizens, and emergency response teams, Mr. Christian seconded and the motion passed.

### **University Terrace PD**

University Terrace PD traffic maintenance plan is subject to INDOT approval, but was briefly discussed as informational at this time. This site is the existing Jiffy Lube on State Street and is proposed to be redeveloped as an apartment building. The traffic maintenance plan shown is very extensive and will have a big impact on traffic. Mr. Buck said he believes there will be a lot of congestion if this plan is approved as shown. It is a state highway and will be subject to final approval from INDOT on lights, signs, etc. during construction.

Ms. Burch asked if there is an anticipated start date for the project and Mr. Buck answered that there is not. Jiffy Lube has a 5 year lease so until the issues regarding that are finalized with the developer they will likely not be able to proceed.

Chairman Sinha asked if having Traffic Commission meetings every other month are still okay? Does not having a monthly meeting affect the input or decisions on city projects? Ms. Burch suggested that if there is ever a need we can call a special meeting to address the issue and the Commission agreed.

Chairman Sinha asked if we have looked at Wang Hall traffic maintenance plans, yet. Mr. Buck answered that we have not, we should have something for the September meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** 5:00 pm, Tuesday, September 20, 2011, Lower Level Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck". The signature is stylized with a large "D" and "B", and the initials "M." in between.

David M. Buck, P.E.  
City Engineer

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